General Information



Founded by the Associated General Contractors of St. Louis and the St. Louis Construction Industry. The Construction Careers Center is committed to preparing interested St. Louis High School Students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed for entry into a career pathway in the St. Louis construction industry. The Construction Careers Center is a public, independent tuition-

Governance:

Features:

Location:

free high school that is operated by a nine member Board of Education representing the St. Louis Contractors, Unions, Educational Community, and Parents. Currently, Paul J. Shaughnessy, President of BSI Constructors, Inc., serves as the Chairman of the Board of Education. In addition to the Board Members, the school receives guidance from the various advisory and curriculum committees representing all aspects of the construction industry.

Curriculum:

The Construction Careers Center is the first charter high school for construction in the nation. Construction applications are integrated into all aspects of the curriculum and used as the instrument to help students develop: 1) creative problem-solving skills, 2) math competencies, and 3) an appreciation for and an understanding of the building community and the impact it has on our quality of life. All students are substance abuse tested, required to wear uniforms daily, are required to participate in community service-learning

opportunities, and are exposed to the union building and construction trades, both basic and specialty. The students are taught by certificated staff with a low 20:1 student/teacher ratio. Classes are taught in a building especially designed for, and by, the construction industry.

We currently have over 440 students enrolled in grades 9 - 12. We will continue to add a class of freshmen each year until the school

reaches a total enrollment of 500 students.

The Construction Careers Center is a tuition-free, independent Admissions:

public high school for grades 9 through 12. Construction Careers Center is looking for students who have an interest in construction, and earnestly want to learn and prepare for a future in construction. It is a challenging, academic curriculum thoroughly infused with construction applications. A personal interview is a required part

of the admissions process.

A contract among the parents, students and school includes strict **High Expectations:**

codes of conduct, attendance, and uniform dress. The school operates on a 200 day school year and students are promoted on their academic achievement. Articulation agreements are being developed with the various apprenticeship programs to bridge the

gap between school and work.

The Construction Careers Center receives approximately \$8,000 Finances:

per year for each student enrolled and in attendance. The total cost per pupil exceeds the allocated revenue and the school is currently dependent upon other sources to supplement the operation and building fund. Members of the St. Louis Construction Industry and

St. Louis Foundations have generously supported the school. Construction Careers Center is south of downtown St. Louis on

Grattan Street between Chouteau and Park. Parking is available on

the north side of the building.

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The Construction Careers Center's mission is to prepare students in grades nine through twelve for the future by providing an excellent foundation in academics, broad exposure to the construction industry, and relevant vocational education preparation. The school's curriculum is specifically designed by the construction industry to prepare students for entry into direct employment, a construction apprenticeship-training program, a community college or a four-year degree institution. The school implements strategies to encourage each student to develop the necessary skills, attitudes and work ethic to be successful in the construction industry.

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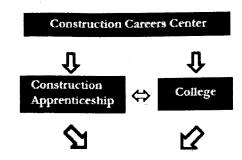
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Career Pathways

The instructional program at Construction Careers Center Charter High School provides students with the opportunity to pursue multiple career pathways within the construction industry. Successful completion of their coursework coupled with qualifying standardized test scores will provide students with the means to enter directly into a construction apprenticeship or pursue a 2- or 4-year college degree. In addition to academic course work, all students are required to complete OSHA Safety Training, First Aid & CPR Certification, and community service before graduation. Although a formal character education program is not currently in place, the ideals of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety are reinforced in all classrooms, hallways, and the shop area at all times.

The sample 4 Year Plans provided on the following pages are designed to be viewed as possible 4 year plans for most students. We realize that not all students will follow these plans exactly as written depending on choice of electives and successful completion of prerequisite courses.

Click here for Architecture & Construction Pathway.

Click here for STEM Pathway.

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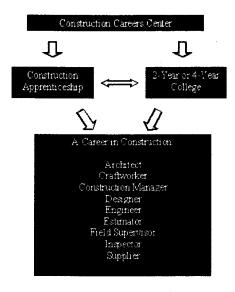
This is the first charter high school in St. Louis. It is dedicated to preparing students for a productive life in our community through well-rounded academics, technical information for a profession, and a broad exposure to the construction industry.

The opportunities and rewards are great in America's largest industry, and the Construction Careers Center will provide its students with many paths for success. This unique program will instill the discipline and teach the skills needed to enter either construction apprenticeships or higher education.



The Construction Careers Center is located in the City of St. Louis at 1224 Grattan, just east of Lafayette Square and west of Soulard. The building is a remodeled city school with many features designed specifically for its curriculum and programs. It is an area of substantial new residential and commercial development. Close to downtown, it has convenient access to both highways I-55 and I-44.

The Construction Careers Center opened in the Fall of 2001 with only a freshmen class and our first senior class graduated in 2005. There is no charge to attend this charter school for students in grade 9 through 12. The school year runs from late in August through July as an 11-month program. The focus is on learning hands-on skills. Students can pursue either a construction apprenticeship or a college path. Both paths lead to many career opportunities in construction: architect, manager, craftworker, designer, engineer, field supervisor, inspector, and supplier are just a few of the careers related to the construction industry.



The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of St. Louis embarked on the venture to provide a new educational resource for the St. Louis construction industry - the charter high school. The Construction Careers Center has proven to be a win/win for young people, their parents, and the community. The school is a model for partnerships between industry, associations, labor, education, philanthropy and government.

The Construction Careers Center will establish high expectations that will challenge all students to reach their maximum potential; it will also provide a positive environment where each student will find the resources and support for success.

Students are eligible to apply to the Construction Careers Center who are at least 14 years old, have completed the eighth grade, and either live in the city of St. Louis, or are other than African- Americans living in one of the following St. Louis County school districts: Affton, Bayless, Brentwood, Clayton, Hazelwood, Kirkwood, Ladue, Lindbergh, Mehlville, Parkway, Pattonville, Ritenour, Rockwood, Valley Park, or Webster Groves.

The deadline to apply for the fall semester of 2009-2010 is June 30, 2009. Applications postmarked *after* this date will be considered on a space available basis. As per Title 9, Section 504, the Construction Careers Center does not discriminate in its admission or employment. Inquiries should be directed to the Title 9, Section 504 Coordinator.

For more information on the application process, <u>click here</u> to view and print the application.

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